

Key Lock & Lantern Convention

On Wed, Sep 1, 2021 at 12:51 PM <transportsim@aol.com> wrote:
Robert:

First, I would like to apologize for the delay in writing to you - my work schedule has been somewhat hectic, and it feels like I just returned from Carbondale yesterday, despite the fact that several weeks have passed. I still have the boxes from the KL&L Convention sitting in my dining room, which will be my project for today, among other things.

Thank you so much for participating in the KL&L exhibition and giving your presentation at our dinner. I spoke with many of our members at breakfast the next morning and I received many positive comments. Despite the importance of the gravity railroad, many of us only knew some basic facts about it, and learning about its development was very enjoyable. On my next trip to the area, I plan on visiting some of the various historic sites along the canal and railroad, now that I have a sense of how it was laid out. It was certainly a fascinating operation!

We are looking forward to returning to Carbondale for the 2022 convention, I hope that you will be able to participate again. We'll be in touch as planning progresses.

Thanks again,
Dave Hamilton



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to transportsim

September 2, 2021

Dave:

I had a great time at the KLL convention in August in Carbondale, and am very pleased to learn that the KLL Convention in 2022 will also take place in Carbondale.

I am very pleased to learn that my Gravity Railroad presentation was well received. If the KLL management is interested in another presentation by "yours truly" at next year's convention in Carbondale, I would be very pleased and honored to do a presentation on "the other gravity railroad" in northeastern Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Coal Company's Gravity Railroad, which was constructed between Port Griffith on the Susquehanna River and the D&H Canal Basin in Hawley (about ten miles east of

Honesdale). That presentation would be titled "The Pennsylvania Coal Company's Gravity Railroad".

The big news in Carbondale these days is the fact that the D&H Caboose that we own is now on display on a panel track beside Carbondale City Hall (just up the street from Hotel Anthracite). The caboose was placed on the panel track on August 15th (the day following the recent KLL convention in Carbondale). See attached photos.

On with the show!

Best,

Robert

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to me September 5, 2021

Robert:

It is certainly a fitting celebration of the city's railroad heritage to have a caboose on display right at city hall. A few people at the convention stayed over an extra day and were able to walk over and check it out.

A Pennsylvania Coal Company presentation would be perfect for next year's event. We'll stay in touch as we plan the schedule.

Thanks again,
Dave Hamilton
